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SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR: SYRIAN INTEREST IN MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

1. LOCKHEED/BEIRUT REP GEORGE LOMBARD AND LOCKHEED/GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL MARKETING DIRECTOR WALDEN VISITED DAMASCUS OCTOBER 3 FOR DISCUSSION OF L-1011 AND C-130 WITH GEN. ASSAD MOKAYAD, CHAIRMAN OF SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES. IN TELEPHONE REPORT TO EMBOFF LOMBARD REPORTED LITTLE NEW ON L-1011 FRONT. LOMBARD SAID MOKAYED HAD AGAIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FOUR LOCKHEED C-130'S. LOCKHEED REPS NOTED PRODUCTION BACKLOG MEANT ORDERS PLACED NOW WOULD MEAN 1977 DELIVERY. LOMBARD ADDED TO EMBOFF THAT DELIVERY COULD BE SOONER IF USAF WOULD GIVE UP SOME DELIVERY POSITIONS.

2. LOMBARD SAID MOKAYED HAD TOLD LOCKHEED REPS THAT SARG HAD ALREADY MENTIONED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER DESIRE TO PURCHASE C-130'S. LOMBARD SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION SARG MAY AGAIN MENTION THIS SUBJECT TO SECRETARY DURING OCTOBER 11 VISIT.

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3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AT THIS POINT TO

CORROBORATE LOMBARD'S IMPRESSION THAT C-130 QUESTION MAY
BE RAISED WITH SECRETARY. LOCKHEED REPS OF COURSE ARE
NOT UNINTERESTED PARTIES. WE DO AT LEAST WISH TO ALERT
SECRETARY'S PARTY TO THIS REPORT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF IMPROVEMENT IN US/SYRIAN RELATIONS AND DESIRABILITY
OF POSITIVE USG CONSIDERATION OF AD HOC SALE OF ITEMS
SUCH AS MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AS SET FORTH IN
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